

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/AU2004/001104

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: C22B 3/06, 11/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

Derwent WPI: IPC⁷ as above and thiosul+ and thiourea and EDTA

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5260040 A (Kenna) 9 November 1993 Whole Document	
A	US 6602319 B1 (Murthy et al) 5 August 2003 Whole Document	
A	US 6344068 B1 (Fleming et al) 5 February 2002 Whole Document	



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US	5260040	AU	73031/91	BR	9104641	CA	2047711
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US	6602319						
US	6344068	AU	31355/01	CA	2342692	ZA	200102563

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